



Hermosa Beach City Manager's Office City Council Meeting Updates 8.30.18

A brief summary of important City Council updates discussed during the August 28, 2018 regularly scheduled meeting are provided below.

August 28, 2018 ([Meeting Agenda](#))



Recognizing Hermosa Beach/Manhattan Beach Juniors All-Star Baseball Team – City Council presented a certificate of recognition to the Hermosa Beach/Manhattan Beach Juniors All-Star Baseball team for bringing home the 2018 Little League Junior Southern California State championship and West Regional championship titles, and for reaching the semifinals in the 2018 Junior League World Series. The City and community are proud to recognize this team for

their display of dedication and strong teamwork.

Appointment of City Manager and Approval of Agreement for City Manager Services

– The Hermosa Beach City Council voted unanimously on Tuesday to appoint Suja Lowenthal to serve as City Manager and approved a contract for her employment. Her first day will be September 17. John Jalili, who is serving as Hermosa Beach's interim city manager, will continue in his position until September 17 and will be available to advise Lowenthal. The City Council plans to hold a reception to welcome Lowenthal to the community and additional details on the reception are forthcoming. You can read more about Suja's background and experience in our [Latest News](#) section of our website.



Public Hearing to Formalize the Use of Scooters in the Skate Park – Following a 30-day trial period allowing for the use of scooters in the skate park, City Council unanimously concurred with the Parks & Recreation Commission to amend the Hermosa Beach Municipal Code to allow non-motorized scooters to operate in the skate park. The use of scooters during the trial period posed no issues or concerns and on average, the number of scooters is equal to or slightly less than the number of skateboarders, so it has proven to be a successful and popular policy change for the skate park facility.

Continued Public Hearing for Crossfit Horsepower from July 10th City Council Meeting – On a 3-0 vote, City Council (with Councilmembers Massey and Campbell recusing themselves) adopted a resolution declaring the activities at Crossfit Horsepower constitute a public nuisance based on complaints of noise and vibration and ordered a series of abatement measures to be implemented. City staff will continue to work with the business owners of Crossfit Horsepower to find agreeable and feasible solutions to abate the nuisance activities.

Public Hearing on Dockless Scooter and Bike Share Operations in the City – City Council unanimously voted to introduce an ordinance to temporarily ban the use of motorized scooters/bikeshare within the City until guidelines for shared mobility operations are adopted and directed staff to return to City Council within three months with recommendations on the City's approach for a shared mobility program. Furthermore, City



Council adopted a resolution to amend the City's fee schedule to add an administrative fee related to the release of impounded bicycles, scooters, and other personal mobility devices in the amount of \$130.

Downtown Subcommittee Update – This agenda item was continued to the next City Council meeting.

Miscellaneous Items

- **Designation of Voting Delegate for the League of California Cities 2018 Annual Conference and Consideration of the League of California Cities Annual Conference Resolutions** – In a two-part motion, City Council unanimously voted to designate Mayor Jeff Duclos as the Voting Delegate for the League of California Cities Annual Business Meeting. Additionally, City Council voted (3-2) to concur with staff's position to support the League of California Cities General Assembly Resolutions:
 - A resolution advocating for local control of municipalities, which enables cities to tailor policies that adequately reflect the needs and circumstances of their communities.
 - A resolution that seeks to have the state and the League study the negative impacts of anticoagulant rodenticides and address the inability of cities to regulate the use of rodenticides and pesticides.
- **Vacancies on the Public Works Commission** – Two terms on the Public Works Commission are due to expire on October 31, 2018. The City is inviting applications from qualified electors of Hermosa Beach interested in being appointed to be on the board to fill a four-year term. To learn more or to complete an application, visit our [Boards & Commissions website](#).
- **Appointment for the Civil Service Board Vacancy** – City Council reappointed Sharon Thompson to fill the vacant seat on the Civil Service Board to a four-year term ending July 15, 2022.

Other Matters/Tentative Agenda – To close out the meeting, Council directed staff to return with an agenda item at a future City Council meeting for consideration to bring back the La La Land event.

THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018. THERE WILL BE NO CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018.

Questions or comments? Contact the Assistant to the City Manager Nico De Anda-Scaia Monday through Thursday, 7AM- 6PM at (310) 318-0201 or via email at ndeanda@hermosabch.org.

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